

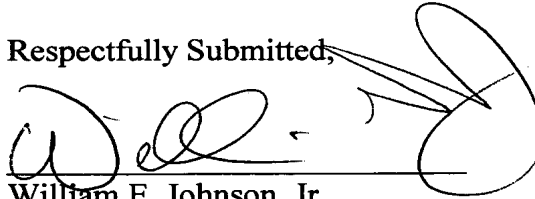
**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 31-33 have been cancelled.

Claims 34-41, the only claims remaining in the application, have been allowed. Accordingly, the application is believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

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## CLAIMS STATUS

Claims 31-33 (Canceled)

34. (Original) A casing or tubular fill up and circulating tool, comprising:  
a body having an internal passage; and  
a seal mounted externally to said body;  
a valve for said internal passage, said valve movable between an open and a closed position in response to insertion, at least in part, and removal, at least in part, of said body, respectively, as to the casing or tubular.

35. (Original) The tool of claim 34, further comprising:  
an actuator on said valve extending externally to said body where it can engage the casing or tubular on insertion, at least in part, of said body.

36. (Original) A casing fill up and circulation apparatus, comprising:  
a body having a first port and a second port to provide communication with an interior of said casing and being insertable into said casing;  
a seal for said body which is engageable with said casing when said body is inserted in the casing;  
a first valve for controlling fluid through said first port; and  
a second valve for controlling fluid through said second port.

37. (Original) A method of filling and circulating casing or tubular, comprising:  
lowering a body having an external seal and a passage therethrough at least in part into said

casing or tubular;

providing a valve for said passage; and

opening said valve as a result of said lowering.

38. (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising:

engaging an actuator with said casing to effect said opening.

39. (Original) The method of claim 37, further comprising:

engaging said external seal with the casing to effect said opening.

40. (Original) A method of filling and circulating casing or tubular, comprising:

lowering a body having an external seal and a passage therethrough at least in part into said casing or tubular;

providing a valve for said passage;

providing an actuator for said valve mounted externally to said body; and

operating said valve by engagement of said actuator with said casing or tubular.

41. (Original) The method of claim 40, further comprising:

mounting said external seal on a sliding sleeve to provide said actuator such that engagement of said seal with said casing or tubular during said insertion opens said valve.